

Application No. 10/057,640  
Amendment dated October 20, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of April 21, 2003

REISSUE

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 1-7 and 21 are cancelled herein. Claims 41-46 corresponding to original, cancelled claims 2-6 are added herein. Accordingly, claims 8-20 and 41-46 are at issue.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected as being based upon a defective reissue Declaration under 35 U.S.C. §251.

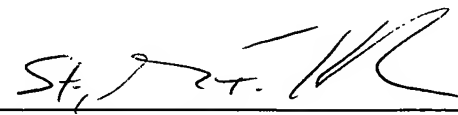
Filed herewith is a Supplemental Declaration including the statement in numbered paragraph 8 that "all of the errors which are being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing of this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant." Accordingly, the Supplemental Declaration is believed to be in compliance with 37 CFR §1.175 and MPEP §1414 so as to obviate the rejection of the claims on this basis.

Claims 1 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Kitamura (5,058,261).

Claims 1 and 21 are cancelled to obviate the rejection based on Kitamura. In addition, claims 41-46 are added to correspond to the subject matter of cancelled claims 2-7. Accordingly, the subject matter of original claims 2-20 indicated to be allowable over the prior art is included in the pending claims 8-20 and 41-46 presented herein.

Based on the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 8-20 and 41-46, are respectfully requested.

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